

LOWERING THE QUALITY LEVEL OF A SELECTED PROGRAM

ABSTRACT

A method, apparatus, system, and signal-bearing medium that in an embodiment select a program based on a criteria if a storage threshold is exceeded and lower the
5 quality level of the selected program. Lowering the quality level reduces the amount of storage consumed by the program. In various embodiments, the criteria may be based on a ranking of a category to which the program belongs, based on whether the program previously had the quality level lowered, based on the age of the program, based on the difference between the current quality level of the program and the minimum quality level
10 of the program, and/or the amount of storage space saved by lowering the quality level of the program. In this way, storage may be made available for saving future programs without necessarily deleting current programs.